January 11th, 1915.

To the Committee of the Board of
Home Missions on the Incorporation
of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Dear Sirs:

I much regret the unavoidable delay in replying to your letter of December 15th. The Woman's Board of Home Missions has referred all matters connected with the question of its incorporation to a Committee, and it has not been possible to secure a meeting of this group; a copy of your letter has, however, been sent to them. As Chairman of the Committee I am taking the liberty of writing in reply to your communication without consulting with the members of my Committee. I am sure that they will justify me in some explanation of the situation as it presents itself.

As you doubtless know, at various times during a period of four or five years the Woman's Board of Home Missions had considered the question of its incorporation. No decision was reached and in view of the situation in which the Board of Home Missions found itself, the Woman's Board had determined to let the question of its incorporation rest until such a time as should find the Board of Home Missions free from the embarrassment of re-adjustments. When the Executive Commission of General Assembly met in New York in February of 1914, action was taken by that Body "recommending that the Woman's Board of Home Missions be incorporated." This action was taken without consultation with

the Woman's Board or its officers, and without a suggestion having been made by them that such action would be desired. This action was conveyed to the Woman's Board some weeks after it was taken, with the request that that body express its desire as to the name under which it should be incorporated and the state in which it should be incorporated. I believe that the further steps in this matter,-that is, the action at General Assembly in May of 1914 and the action of the Executive Commission in September at Atlantic City,- are fully known to your Committee.

I am sorry to bother you with this preliminary explanation but it seems to me that it is due the Woman's Board that its relation to the present situation should be placed clearly before you.

In considering the matter of the Incorporation of the Woman's Board, we have possibly neglected the legal standpoint, but it has not been our desire to approach the matter first from that direction. We have felt that it was first necessary to judge what was the right and wise thing to be done; what would best conserve the interests of the work in the mission field, and make for smoothness and efficiency of administration at headquarters. We have felt that these matters being settled, we could then learn what would be a possible solution of the problem from the legal point of view. This may be an illogical method of approach but it has been the one that has appealed to us, as we have feared that any other would involve us in questions that would cause us to lose sight of the main issues as to the work to be conserved.

I believe that the incorporation of the Woman's Board seems to most of our women to be a step that would be wise and

would solve some difficult questions. There are many details as to the extent of such incorporation. If it is your desire that our Committee should present in writing the basis of such an opinion, we shall be glad to do so within the coming two or three weeks. We have felt, however, that a conference between the members of the two Committees would obviate a large amount of correspondence, and would bring the questions to be settled before all in a way that no amount of writing would do.

Awaiting an expression of your desire in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

B/P.

President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

January 8th, 1915.

Sent to

Mrs. John F. Pingry,

Miss Annie Hyatt.

I have just dictated the enclosed letter to the Committee on Incorporation. Unless I hear from you by Monday that you disapprove, I shall mail to them.

I have not the time to-day to explain why I have written just as I have, but it is because Mr. Parsons came in to see Miss Long and talked over this matter fully the other day. He desired some word from us before the meeting of the Board next Thursday.

If you find errors in this enclosed letter, please be sure that it will have been re-written before sending, but I cannot hold these copies to wait for that.

I am hoping that it will be possible to find time on Tuesday for this matter, as I feel we must try to have some definite plan of procedure.

Believe me that I am,

Yours cordially,

M. Katharine Bennett.

B/p.

Dictated but
not signed.

December 15, 1914

The Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Friends:

Pursuant to the action of the Executive Commission at Atlantic City in September last, we have been appointed by the Home Board the Committee on its behalf to consider and to report about the manner and details of incorporation of your Board.

As you may have learned, a representative committee of our Board attended at Atlantic City to represent to the Commission some general considerations bearing upon the whole subject in answer to what might be submitted by or for you; but after waiting to be called before the Commission were somewhat surprised to learn that action had been taken while they were waiting. One result was that the Home Board failed to learn what may have been submitted on your behalf. Doubtless it was because of inadvertence, and it is of less consequence for the reason that the Home Board acquiesces in the incorporation of your Board, provided that the details can be so arranged as not to affect injuriously the important work in which you and we are interested.

The preliminary and the essential condition is involved in the provision as ordered by the Commission, that the Articles incorporating your Board shall "make it an auxiliary to the present Board of Home Missions". Your Board before making its application must have gone over the whole subject and must have considered, both from the practical and from the legal standpoint, how is to be worked out the plan by which your Board, although incorporated, is to be auxiliary to the Home Board.

It will greatly facilitate our consideration if you will at your early convenience let us have a few lines stating your views or an outline of your views upon the subject. Details about the work, about expenses, receipts and many other items are involved, some of which bear upon the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation.

If you will furnish us with a statement of your wishes, or of your ideas upon the subject of what is in the interest of the work to be done by your Board as an incorporated auxiliary of the Home Board, we will take the matter up immediately.

Very truly yours,

Jno. E. Parsons

William H. Dennis

Frank L. Babbott

Copy

St. Louis, Jan. 11, 1915.

Dear Dr. Dixon:

I have just arranged to have a meeting of our Committee, from the Executive Commission, in your office, or such rooms as you can give us, to hold a conference with the Woman's Board concerning the matter of their incorporation. I have sent a telegram to you to tell Mrs. Bennett of this meeting and of our desire to confer with her Board. I do not know her address or I would write directly to her. Will you please explain the matter to her. It was only this morning that I found I could go to New York this week. As a matter of course we want the Home Board represented in the Conference. The Executive Commission will meet next month and we must have a report ready. I went to see Dr. Fullerton this morning, but found he was in New York. I wish he could be at this conference Saturday as well as yourself. Also please tell Dr. Smith of this meeting.

Hoping to see you soon, I am

Fraternally yours,

(Signed) Samuel J. Niccolls.

Copy.

Hotel Lucerne,
201 West 79th Street,
New York City.
January 14, 1915.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

I am returning Dr. Niccolls' letter. Thank you for letting me see it.

I have notified the members of the Committee on Incorporation, appointed by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, of the meeting to be held Saturday morning. I trust that the Committee appointed by the Home Board will be its representatives at this Conference, however many others may be present by invitation.

The action of the Executive Commission last September definitely committed this matter to (1) a Committee of three from the Executive Commission, (2) three from the Home Board, and (3) three from the Woman's Board, and I personally feel that we shall more readily reach conclusions if these groups are brought together at each Conference, and if the personnel remain the same through all the proceedings. Doubtless Dr. Niccolls has not been notified as to the Committees appointed in New York, but as we have followed the instructions of the Executive Commission, I am sure he would approve of the plan of having these Committees meet him and his Comittee.

I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) M. Katharine Bennett.

January 19, 1915.

Rev. Wilton Merle-Smith, D.D.,
29 West 54th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Merle-Smith:

I do not know whether you have heard that a very interesting meeting of representatives from the Executive Commission, the Board of Home Missions, and the Woman's Board, in regard to the question of the incorporation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, was held last Saturday.

Owing to the death of Mr. Parsons, there must be a vacancy on the committee of the Board, and as you doubtless will soon appoint some one to fill that vacancy, I am going to suggest that you name yourself as the third member.

I am serving on the committee from the Woman's Board, because it has seemed that it was easier to reach definite conclusions if the same people carried on the work all of the time.

Your presence on the committee would be of great value, as the whole situation would then be throughly known to you, and, when again so desired, it would be possible for you to lay it before the Board. I trust that I am not going beyond my prerogative in making this suggestion.

Believe me, that I am

Very cordially yours,

B/B

January 20, 1915.

Rev. Wilton Merle-Smith, D.D.,
29 West 54 th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Merle-Smith:

I have just learned that the meeting of the Committee on Incorporation that had been called for Friday of this week cannot be held, as some of the members cannot be present.

We are putting down the tentative date of February third, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in the hope that that will be a possible time.

I should be very glad if I might know who is now the chairman of the committee, as there may be matters that I shall wish to take up in correspondence,previous to the time of the formal meeting.

Believe me, that I am

Very cordially yours,

B/B

Jan 21

29 WEST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET

My dear Mrs Bennett:

I called this morning and had a little chat with Miss Kemp. I have appointed Mr Morris in Mr Parsons place for reasons Miss Kemp will explain -

Mrs Wm S. Bennett 60 Wall St is the Chairman of our Committee -

My unwillingness to serve does not mean I am opposed in any way to the movement - We want to satisfy you disabled women in every way we can -

Yours very cordially

[illegible]

January 25, 1915.

Rev. Wilton Merle-Smith, D.D.,
29 West 54th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Merle-Smith:

While I am sorry that we shall not have you with us on the Committee of Incorporation, it is pleasant to know that we have at least your sympathy in the effort that we are making,-not to secure incorporation nor any particular status for the Woman's Board, but to simplify the administration which has grown up through many years and has become too complicated.

I trust that we shall be able to reach some conclusion that will be satisfactory to all concerned, and that will put us on a working basis which will not need change or discussion for many years.

Believe me, that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

January 25, 1915.

Mr. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

From Dr. Merle-Smith I learned that you are now the Chairman of the Committee on Incorporation of the Board of Home Missions.

At the last session of the committees, it was suggested that Dr. Dixon and myself agree upon the date, if possible, when the next meeting might be held. This we did, as at that time your Committee was without a chairman, and we decided upon February third at three o'clock. As you are now Chairman of the Board's Committee, you will of course change this time if it is not convenient for yourself and the other members of your Committee.

The Executive Commission referred the whole question of incorporation to a committee of nine - three from the Executive Commission, three from the Board of Home Missions, and three from the Woman's Board. These committees have been made up without having administrative officers of the Boards on any of them, although at the last session of the Committee, Dr. Dixon was present by invitation of Dr. Nichols.

I believe that it is the desire of the administrative officers of the Board to be present at these meetings, and am writing now to ask your policy in this matter, because it would naturally follow that, if the administrative officers of the Board of Home Missions are to attend, similiar officers from the Woman's Board should also be in attendance. This would seem to be only fair.

I think the original thought was that there might be less embarrassment if the whole matter were gotten into some shape by as few people as possible, and that afterward there should be discussion with such officers as could give information and help.

I am very hopeful that by the next meeting there may be some definite plans to propose.

Believe me, that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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BY

E. G. L.

HOTEL LUCERNE
201 WEST SEVENTY NINTH ST
NEW YORK
ARTHUR T. HARDY

Feb. 1-1915.

Dear Miss Long:—

She enclosed was one of the letters forwarded me from "56". As I lean on the G. M. Crane to-morrow for Phil. and will not be back until late in the afternoon I shall have to ask you to see to this for me if you will be so good. I am afraid I must use some ifs in expressing myself concerning it but I will try to be clear.

I may as well frankly premise my remarks with the statement that disapproval of the plan suggested in Mr. Bennet's letter. I do not think that there will be the needed frankness when all the officers are present - of course if Mr. Hixon is, probably the fees will be - and therefore, I do not think we shall get anywhere. I should be glad to have the matter dropped

if it can be comfortably. with this explanation —

1. Please telephone and find out if both Mr. Morris and Mr. Babbott expect to be present. If both will not be there, call the Conference off.
2. Ask Mrs. Pingry and Miss Hyatt if they can be present.
3. Also consult with Mrs. Pingry as to having our administration officers present and let me know her decision Wednesday A.M. Ask her to say frankly if the advises having any there? If so, how many, and which?
4. Please do not mention the matter in the office until you have seen me Wednesday.

Let me be quite clear — I do not object to having administration officers present because both of you will all get involved in difficulties that will make you work harder, will subject you to annoyances, etc. I do not

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201 WEST SEVENTY NINTH ST
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expect, & want the matter to go through without
fixing for all an opportunity to express our-
selves freely, but I do not feel that the right
time has come. There is a lot of underbrush
to cut out of the way first.

I shall hope that either Mr. Morris or Mr.
Babbott cannot come and that the matter
may be closed for Wednesday. There is not
time for this delay but when nothing can be
done there is no use meeting, and I suppose
Russ what Mr. Dixon means at present!

I am sent sorry to be away so much.

Faithfully yours,

M. Katharine Bennett

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SIXTY WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

January 29, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

After a brief absence I return to find your letter of January 25th, and hasten to inform you that I shall probably not be in the city on February 3rd. I should be very glad to have you invite your administrative officers to meet Dr. Dixon and the other two members of the Committee on February 3rd, and would suggest that the meeting proceed in my absence, as both Mr. Babbitt and Mr. Morris are very well equipped for a conference. I hope to be able to attend any later conference.

Yours very truly,

B/D.

February 3, 1915.

Mr. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

The Committee on Incorporation of the Woman's Board had an informal meeting this afternoon.

The gentlemen felt very strongly that nothing could be done without your presence, as they felt that you knew more of the situation than they did, and that your legal experience was necessary. They are, therefore, most anxious to have a meeting at a time convenient for you, and it was suggested that this be held at ten-thirty on Monday, February eighth, if you could attend at that time.

The haste seemed to be especially due to the fact that the Board of Home Missions meets on the eleventh, and it was thought that some report should go to that body in order that it might be authorized before the meeting of the Executive Commission, which is to be held, I believe, on February twenty-fourth. The members of the two committees will hold the above time and date until I have heard from you, when I will notify them.

Meanwhile, it was suggested that the committee of the Woman's Board should prepare a brief statement of their wishes, and that this should be sent to the members of the committee before the meeting. I shall hope to have that reach you in a few days.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

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February 9, 1915.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Hotel Lucerne,
Amsterdam Avenue and 79th Street, Manhattan.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am sending you a copy of a letter which I have forwarded to Mr. Massey. I trust it may meet with your approval.

Very sincerely yours,

John Timpson mf.

(Enclosure)

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February 9, 1915.

Hon. George V. Massey,
29 Pelham Road,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Massey:-

Immediately upon the receipt of your letter of February the sixth I forwarded a copy of it to Mr. William S. Bennet, Chairman of the Committee of the Board of Home Missions on the Incorporation of the Woman's Board, and also to Mrs. Fred S. Bennett, the President of the Woman's Board. By the direction of Mr. Bennet I would state to you that three conferences have been held by the Committees of the two Boards, the last of them being held yesterday afternoon.

No positive progress has yet been made in determining either the fact of a charter or its character. The conference yesterday adjourned to meet a week or ten days later, in the expectation that the form of a charter might be submitted by the Woman's Board.

No differences of opinion have arisen and therefore no conflict, nor is any conflict anticipated. The Committee of the Board of Home Missions will make report of progress to the Board at its regular meeting on February the eleventh.

Should the conference of the Committees of the Home Board and of the Woman's Board on the incorporation, to be held before the meeting of the Executive Commission, result in an agreement as to the form and provisions of a charter, it would still be necessary for the Committee of the Home Board to refer the matter to the Board itself for consideration and approval. Unless the Board of Home Missions adjourns at its meeting on February the eleventh

to receive such a report, there will be no opportunity for the Board to consider anything previous to the meeting of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly on February the twenty-third. Should there be any further step or progress in this matter made known to me I will promptly communicate with you.

With high regard and all good wishes I am,

Cordially yours,

February 10, 1915.

Rev. John Dixon, D.D.,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Dixon:

Your note of the ninth enclosing copy of your letter to Mr. Massey is at hand. Thank you for letting me see it.

There is just one error in the letter which I fancy was a misunderstanding in your talk with Mr. Bennet over the telephone. It is in the second paragraph where it is said that there is an expectation that the form of the Charter might be submitted by the Woman's Board." This is to be prepared by Mr. Bennet on lines that were suggested at the last conference.

I do not know that this makes any real difference so far as Mr. Massey is concerned. It is simply that we may keep the matter quite straight here.

I am assuming that it is not necessary for me at this time to write to Mr. Massey.

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

The committees of three thus appointed at this present date, February eighteen, 1915, stand as follows:

From the Executive Commission -
Mr. George V. Massey
Rev. S. J. Niccolls, D.D.
Rev. Wallace Radcliffe

From the Board of Home Missions -
Mr. William S. Bennet
Mr. Frank O. Babbott
Mr. Théodore W. Morris

From the Woman's Board of Home Missions -
Mrs. F. S. Bennett
Mrs. J. F. Pingry
Miss Annie Hyatt

One meeting has been held with Dr. Niccolls of the Executive Commission's Committee, The other two groups have meet at various times but to date no formal statement of conclusions has been made.

The following statement is therefore made, representing the Woman's Board of Home Missions only. This body feels that, owing to the action of the Assembly of 1914 placing the direction and control of the work of the Board of Home Missions under the care of presbyteries and the further division of the administrative work of the Board among co-ordinate secretaries, the relation of the work of the Woman's Board to the Board of Home Missions must be altered. Without desiring in the slightest degree to oppose the control by presbytery of work within its own bounds, the Woman's Board yet finds that it remains true that this is impracticable

First - Because in a large majority of the fields under the care of the Woman's Board several presbyteries are involved and in some cases even two synods.

Second - Because many schools are located in home mission presbyteries where pastorates are of uncertain tenure and where accordingly continuous supervision would be difficult.

Third - That,as only a negligible fraction of the cost of maintaining the work under the Woman's Board is raised locally, it is essential that a central agency be maintained to provide the required funds.

Fourth - Because we believe that this central agency can secure the funds only because of its direct touch with the work as conducted and its responsibility to the contributing societies or individuals. The personal touch thus kept is the chief power in securing the money.

Fifth - Because there is a need of flexibility in the work of the Woman's Board that workers may be transferred from one station to another as need arises.

Sixth - That, as the work of the Woman's Board demands investment in various fields, in some cases of large sums of money, the relation of this work to the local presbytery is of necessity different from that of the evangelist who works with no financial investment made locally.

The property of the Woman's Board is valued at about one million of dollars, its permanent funds invested to the amount of one hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars. Its income for current work during the year 1913-1914 was four hundred and fifty-three thousand dollars. As the tuition from the fields more than covers the administrative expenses, it can truthfully be said that every dollar contributed by the societies goes intact to the mission work in the field.

The new relation sustained by the officers of the Board of Home Missions to the mission fields makes it impossible for them to bear the same relation as formerly to the work of the Woman's Board.

In view of all of these considerations, the Woman's Board of Home Missions with full loyalty to the system of the Board of the Presbyterian Church feels that the interest of the work will be best conserved by the incorporation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions as an agency for the promotion of medical and educational work in such fields in the homeland as shall be directed by the General Assembly, that the control and management of such fields shall be vested in the Woman's Board of Home Missions under such regulations as may from time to time be made by Assembly, and that the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall report to and be responsible to the General Assembly.

February 18, 1915.

Mr. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

I trust it is going to be possible to have another meeting of our Joint Committee on Incorporation before the meeting of the Executive Commission next week, and that we six are to meet with the Executive Commission's committee before the matter comes up in the Commission.

Having been called before the Commission on this matter last May and having received a report of their discussion last September, I, personally, feel that they will consider the Woman's Board uninterested and dilatory unless we present some definite report at this meeting. I do not, of course, wish to make an independent report from the Woman's Board on its standing in the matter, and so am hoping that we are to meet and reach a decision as to our joint position in this matter, in order that any one of us may be saved the embarrassment of being called upon for an expression of opinion without having received instructions from the Joint Committee.

While all days are busy ones, I shall hold myself in readiness to attend a committee meeting at any time that you may call it.

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

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SIXTY WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

February 20, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have yours of February 19th. I have been pretty busy since we last met, but I have today succeeded in getting the time to dictate a proposed act of incorporation along the lines of your desires. I can meet with the rest of the Committee either the 23rd or the 24th.

Yours very truly,

B/D.

HOTEL SAVOY
FIFTH AVENUE, 58TH TO 59TH STREETS
NEW YORK.

February 24. 1915

Miss E. G. Long.
Secretary Woman's Board of Home Missions
My dear Miss Long,

Acknowledging and answering your note of this date just received, I beg to advise you that the Committee of the Executive Commission will be glad to meet the Special Committee of your Board and the Board of Home Missions respectively, to-morrow afternoon February 25th at 2.30 Oclock

Sincerely Yours

February 24, 1915.

Mr. George V. Massey,
Care of Executive Commission
of Presbyterian Church,
Hotel Savoy, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Massey:

I am asked to convey to you the information that the Home Board and the Woman's Home Board Joint Committee on Incorporation is ready to make report, and that they await word from you as to when the committee of the Executive Commission desires to see them.

If you will kindly send your reply by the messenger bearing this note, I shall have pleasure in transmitting your message.

Respectfully,

L/B

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March 4, 1915.

Mrs. Fred S. Bennett,
Hotel Lucerne,
Amsterdam Avenue and 79th Street, Manhattan.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I thank you most heartily for your kindness in putting into my hands a copy of the proposed Act of Incorporation of the Woman's Board. Mr. Olin has had several copies prepared so that I can now return you the original copy, which you so kindly allowed me to read.

And with best wishes I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John Dixon

(Enclosure)

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TELEPHONE 5892 HANOVER
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SIXTY WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

March 5, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennet:

I have yours of March 4th. Our Committee has not been appointed as a Committee of readjustment, and I would suggest that you take such matters up with Dr. Smith at once, as our monthly meeting is on the 11th.

The request in relation to myself is very flattering, but I shall have to confer with the Board before I come to any conclusion in the matter.

Yours very truly,

B/D.

William D. Bennet

March 4, 1915.

Mr. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

While I have received no formal notification from the Executive Commission regarding the incorporation of the Woman's Board, I have had a telephone message from the Secretary of the Commission, saying that it was passed by the Commission unanimously, with the addition of the phrase read to us by Mr. Massey. In view of this message and because I hesitate to leave the matter any longer, I am, without waiting for an official message, writing you of two matters.

The first is to you as chairman of the committee from the Board of Home Missions. Do I understand that your committee is now continued as a committee on questions of readjustment? It seems to me that, while a great deal of the plan of work will have to be worked out in the office, it is, nevertheless, most desirable that the two committees of the Board and the Woman's Board should be continued, in order that they may refer to officers matters of administration and act definitely upon the reports as brought back by these officers. I should be very glad to know if it is your understanding that your committee is so continued. If it is not, I shall want to take the matter up with Dr. Merle-Smith as President of the Board. The haste seems to be because of the approach of the fiscal year, when it may be desirable to make some readjustments.

The second matter is quite personal to you. At a meeting of the Woman's Board on Tuesday, when the fact of incorporation was reported, by the unanimous action of the ladies present I was asked to request you to act as our counsel in this whole matter of readjustment. We shall need a very great deal of advise as to the steps to take, and feel that a legal advisor so closely in touch with the whole situation will be of extreme value to us. I trust that you would not find an embarrassment in so acting for us, because of any relation that you sustain to the Board of Home Missions.

Believe me that I am, with very great appreciation of the help that you have already given to us,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

Dictated but not signed.

Dear Grace. 3/1-

My dear Mrs Bennett:

I can't wait
for the moment when I
send you a congratulation
I began to feel so jealous
freedom and misfortune
in life and friendship I can
+ am - then I thought of
Cecily and she made
I never dreamt Cecily could
have thought of it
be by my brother
acquaintance let our Queen

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The Ansonia.
2109 Broadway.
Mar. 8th 1915.

Mrs Fred. S. Bennett.
156 Fifth Ave.

My Dear Mrs Bennett.

A copy of your Act of Incorporation was recently sent to me and I strongly urge the independent organization will soon bring still greater success to your efforts. The chief loss by the separation will fall upon the other Board. I venture to refer to one feature, which it would seem wise to have settled before the Act goes into operation. The Home Board pledged $75,000. towards the erection of the San Juan Hospital. On account of financial pressure the building has

not been begun and the appropriation has not been paid over to the Woman's Board. When the separation is completed, the question has arisen whether the Home Board could legally take this amount from the Kennedy Fund and donation to another Body. One would say the grant had been duly voted and the Home Board could regard it as an obligation to be justly met.

To avoid any possibility of such a complication, I have been considering whether an arrangement could not be made, which might determine the issue in advance. The Woman's Board proposes to erect a building costing $100.000, expecting to provide this additional $25.000, from its own resources as the Home Board hesitates to supply its share at once, would it be possible for the Woman's Board to engage, in view of the exigency of the call, to undertake to begin the structure at once by using their own funds first; on condition that the Home Board, when upon $26.000, is exhausted, shall agree to commence to pay in their share subscription.

This contemplates, of course, that some months will elapse before your $25.000, can be fully spent; and equally that the Home Board will not have to provide all of its share at one time; but gradually, as the building advances. The whole time would extend over a year, perhaps eighteen months. The strain, therefore would not be so great upon either Board. This suggestion may not be altogether feasible; but there is risk in delaying so long the erection of this important Building.

Sincerely Yours
D. Stuart Dodge

March 1915

Attention was called to the fact that the proposed charter made the Woman's Board auxiliary to the work of the Board of Home Missions and that the work of the Woman's Board should always be regarded as supplemental to that of the Board of Home Missions. The hope was expressed that each Board would appoint a committee to plan together for the fullest co-operation on the field.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY
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March 12, 1915.

Miss Edith Grier Long,

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Miss Long:-

It gives me pleasure to give you the following extract from the minutes of the meeting held yesterday of the Board of Home Missions:-

> "The Secretary submitted to the Board a communication from the Rev. William Henry Roberts, D.D., Secretary of the Executive Commission, enclosing a certified copy of the Act of Incorporation of the Woman's Board as it had been approved by the Executive Commission.
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> "On motion of Mr. Bennet the Act of Incorporation was approved and, at the request of the President of the Woman's Board, the Committee on the Incorporation of the Woman's Board, consisting of Messrs. Bennet, Babbott and Morris, was continued as an advisory committee to the Woman's Board."

I am also enclosing a copy of the Act of Incorporation.

Very sincerely yours,

John Dixon

Clerk of the Board.

(Enclosure)

March 15, 1915.

Rev. D. Stuart Dodge, D.D.,
The Ansonia,
2109 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Dodge:

I am most appreciative of your cordial letter of March eighth. I think no one recognizes more than do I the regrets that must attend the separation of our two Boards of Home Missions. It has been with a real feeling of sorrow that I have been forced to the conclusion that the only right thing for the Woman's Board was such separation, in view of the various acts of Assembly, so changing the status of the Home Board. I do not see why the pleasant relationships should not continue, even though the legal status may have changed.

I am giving very earnest consideration to your suggestions in relation to San Juan Hospital. I am not able at this time to come to any definite decision, but I did want you to know how very much I appreciated your thought for us in connection with the plans for the Hospital. When the fiscal year has closed, we shall perhaps be in a condition to more definitely take steps in this direction.

Believe me that I am, with all appreciation,

Very cordially yours,

B/B

March 15, 1915.

Rev. Mark A. Matthews, D.D., LL.D.,
Seattle, Washington,

My dear Dr. Matthews:

I can hardly tell you how much I appreciate your cordial letter of March first and the work that you have done in behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I trust that you will have no cause to regret your friendship for this body, but that by care and wise judgment we may vindicate anything or everything that you have said in our behalf.

While I had for some time been expecting that our Woman's Board would have a new status, yet, when the word actually came that the Commission had voted unanimously to allow us to incorporate, I suddenly felt such a wave of responsibility as seemed hardly to be borne. The first shock having passed away, there is a joy in the service and in the feeling of responsibility.

The following months must be full of plans for our reorganization, of course. In a few months I trust that we shall be on our feet and able to push our work as never before.

Trusting that the continued support of our good friends may remain with us, believe me that I am,

Very cordially yours,

B/B

March 18, 1915.

Rev. Wilton Merle-Smith, D.D.,
President, Board of Home Missions,
29 West 54th St.,
City.

Dear Dr. Merle-Smith:

In accordance with the policy of the Woman's Board, it now becomes our duty to consider the "Special" for the new fiscal year, to be presented for the consideration of our constituency at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board convening in Rochester, May 19th.

It was our plan to recommend that the new buildings for the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan, Porto Rico, be made the object of this special appeal.

By action of the Assembly's Board, about a year ago, the Board of Home Missions appropriated $75,000.00 for the erection of a new plant for this hospital and $75,000.00 for repairing and equipping various buildings of the Woman's Board. After consideration of the architect's plans, it was the judgment of the Building Committee that $100,000.00 would be required for the erection and equipment of a suitable plant for this hospital. Accordingly we propose to recommend that the sum of $25,000.00 be raised as the "Special" this year, which, added to the Kennedy appropriation will complete the amount re-

quired. It is essential that in this connection we should have a definite statement from the Assembly's Board as to the date when this appropriation of $75,000.00 will be available for building purposes.

In this connection I wish also to mention the fact that of the amount allowed for repairs, namely, $75,000.00, expenditures have been made totaling approximately $30,000.00. We are very anxious to complete the projected improvements this year, if possible, and would appreciate a word as to when the balance remaining of this appropriation will become available.

In view of the fact that these appropriations were mentioned in the annual report of the Board of Home Missions last year and, also, in the annual report of the Woman's Board, you can understand the importance of our having some definite statement to make to our constituency before the Annual Meeting.

With sincere esteem, believe me

Very cordially yours,

President.

Mar 25

29 WEST FIFTY-FOURTH STREET

My dear Mrs Bennett

I have been in the South
for ten days and find your
letter on my return.

The financial question
involved is new to me
hence I have taken the
liberty of sending the
letter to Mr Dixon with
the request that he and
Mr Olin take up the
matter with you.

Tuesday they will be

Abbreviations

Key Answers Given

to Mark Sweet

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OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
HARVEY C. OLIN, TREASURER

March 26th, 1915.

Mrs. M. Katharine Bennett,

President Woman's Board of Home Missions,

156 Fifth avenue, New York City.

Dear Madam:-

Your letter dated the 18th instant, addressed to the Rev. Wilton Merle-Smith, D.D., President of this Board, with especial reference to the appropriations made by the Board of Home Missions some time ago for repairs and improvements upon Woman's Board property, and inclusive of an appropriation of $75,000. in aid of the erection of a new plant for the San Juan Hospital, has been referred to this office for attention.

Relative thereto I beg to say that this matter is one which will have to be taken up by the Finance Committee and the Board. The next meeting of the Finance Committee is on the 7th of April, at which time your letter will be presented for consideration. Thereafter a definite reply can be made.

Very truly yours,

Treasurer.

O/S

March 29, 1915.

Mr. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

I am sorry to have a letter waiting for you upon your return to the city, but it seems necessary for us to hasten some of the adjustments connected with the matter of the incorporation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Owing both to the fact of the close of the fiscal year and the near approach of General Assembly, it hardly seems worth while to attempt to take up much of the detail by correspondence; but I should be very glad if it were possible for me to see you at a comparatively early date - before Tuesday, April sixth, if possible. I shall be at the Board rooms on Thursday, April first, at eleven o'clock, and could be here at any hour of the Monday following - if either time would be convenient for you.

There will be matters that it will be necessary for me to take to the meeting of the Woman's Board on the sixth, therefore the haste for a preliminary meeting.

Trusting that we may be able to make some adjustment, believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

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149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.
Late Wed. Eve.

Dear Miss Long: -

I feel that I should like to get the number of incorporators down to thirty - especially as I think I can see how we can continue to use the people on Committees, etc.

I am certain after thought that we can use no names as incorporators without permission: therefore it seems necessary that for decided Thursday of getting people on the phone and getting said permission. I would simply tell them that while it would still be possible for Genl Assembly to make the Board of Managers of any size deemed best, we are later advised that as this might fail to be done in May we would desire thirty incorporators that we may have a voting body secure. Say that the Com^tee on Incorporation was obliged to take responsibility of selecting names. This means that

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the names must be read to Mrs. Pingry and Miss Hyatt first. [Note. All of us must be careful to say as little as possible about fact that non-incorporation will lead to vote. Must to explain that to them before names reaches them.]

The list of incorporation enclosed is 33. Do not urge the starred X ones unduly: they are the ones we might omit. Those ✓ can accepted.

On list marked "Names Omitted" those starred are my choice to fill vacancies if more than three on their list decline.

Mrs. John Sinclair is in Newfoundland for two weeks. Mrs. Burnell will doubtless know where to find her.

Mrs. Corning is at Roosevelt Hospital. Call up her husband and ask him: Will this or can not reach by telephone. Mrs. Lindenborough is at

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Her father's – Rev. Joseph (?) Lumen, Port Deposit, Md.

You can get me D. Morrow before 10:30 and after 3:30 If an emergency, call me up between those hours.

I am sorry ~~to~~ so important a thing in such haste but it seems unavoidable. Let Miss Fish see this that she, too, may understand situation.

Cordially yours,

M. Katharine Bennett.

Have kept no duplicates of enclosed lists.

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Mrs. H. C. Louderbough
C/o Rev. Turner
Port Deposit, Md.

Please be one of incorporators of our Board.

Wire acceptance.

EDITH G. LONG

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—, Miss Florence E. Donahue

April 8, 1915

Mrs. E. K. Hopper
5 Harvard Street
East Orange, N.J.

Number of incorporators changed to thirty.

Please be one. Wire.

EDITH G. LONG

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265 Washington Ave
Brooklyn.
(Thurs.) Friday evening.

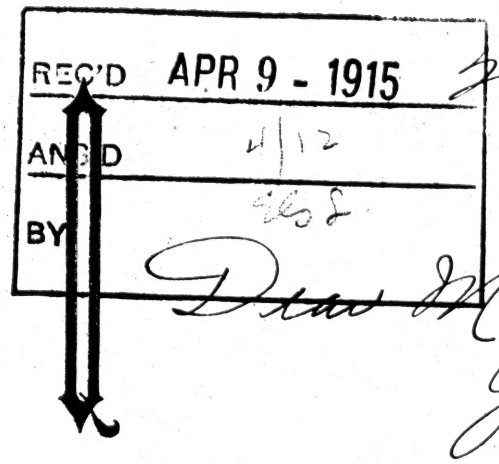
My dear Miss Long.

Your telegram reached me though it was addressed to 365 - but I am taking for granted it was meant for me in spite of my amazement at being asked to be one of the "thirty incorporators." I wired for at once but as I never Rwew anyone to spell my name correctly I have little hope the telegraph operator will do so. I will try and make it plain for you even if I have to resort to printing.

If I have misunderstood your wire and accepted an honor meant for someone at 365, I'll pass it on at your request!

Yours truly

PUNNETTE PAULL Hayden



E. G. L.

29 Woodworth Av
Yonkers. N. Y.

Dear Miss Long:

Your telegram awaited
my return from N. Y. Shall
I come at 5.30 p.m - I, at 6.30.

Immediately, I sent reply by phone
to Postal office - saying you might
use my name as an incorporator.
This note is in case message has
not carried - Cordially
7.30 Thursday - Homer E. Christian

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER

STATE OF NEW YORK

ALBANY

SPEAKER'S ROOM

THADDEUS C. SWEET
SPEAKER

April 12, 1915.

Hon. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall St.,
New York.

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My dear Mr. Bennet:-

I have yours of the 9th. enclosing copies of the bill - "An Act to Incorporate Woman's Board of Home Missions, &c." and hasten to reply that now for over two weeks we have not permitted the introduction of any bills in the Assembly, except the appropriation bills by the Chairman of Ways & Means Committee, and for sometime prior to that all local bills were cut off. Everything from the dates above mentioned has been introduced through the Senate, and I presume that you are having this bill introduced through the Senate.

I will take these copies to Senator Brown, and if you have not already arranged for the introduction, ask him to kindly place them in the hands of someone who will give them proper and expeditious attention.

Assuring you that as soon as it comes to the Assembly from the Senate I will as Chairman of Rules, give it immediate attention, I remain

Yours very truly,

S-C.

TC Sweet

April 12, 1915.

Mrs. W. W. Hayden,
265 Washington Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Hayden:

Thank you cordially for your letter of Thursday evening, following the telegram. I am glad you did print your name at the bottom of your letter. The telegraph people had brought it to us straight, but I was in a quandary because I thought probably they hadn't. So your clear spelling of it made me sure.

The address on the telegram - 365 - was my inadvertence. The correct address is 265, and you are the person intended. Mrs. Bennett is very happy to have your acceptance for the group of names for which she was ready when she came in on Friday morning. I could not get you on the telephone, so had to send the telegram.

The situation had developed to Mrs. Bennett's surprise that, if only seven incorporators - the number planned for by the Board - were authorized by the Albany legislators, when the act should go through, nobody would be empowered to do anything save these seven of whom only three were in New York City. Mrs. Bennett halted between two opinions: whether to call a special meeting of the Board on Thursday morning, as the situation developed only on Wednesday

afternoon, and run the risk of a meeting poorly attended and by women who would doubtless come at great inconvenience ; or whether to go ahead with her Committee on Incorporation to which had been allotted the authority to take care of such matters as should develop in connection with incorporation. She chose the latter course.

The decision of the committee, consisting of herself, Mrs. Pingry, and Miss Hyatt, as you will remember, was to have a group of thirty incorporators from this vicinity, and your name was one from the list thus chosen. I think Mrs. Bennett herself wrote you last week, so you probably have the full facts before you.

Expecting to see you to-morrow, believe me

Cordially,

L/B

April 10, 1915

Mrs. J. K. Mitchell
296 Putnam Avenue
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mrs. Mitchell:

Yesterday took a letter to you, as to all other Synodical Presidents, telling the good treasury news for the last fiscal year. This morning brought your letter of April 8th with reference to the telegram inviting you to be one of the incorporators of the Woman's Board.

Your reply of acceptance was very welcome. I am happy, in letter form, to say more fully what was indicated in the telegram, - that the incorporators carry no financial obligation, practically; unless the Treasurer should abscond with the funds there is no financial obligation. Of course, the Treasurer, either Miss Fish or her successor, would be under heavy bonds, so that aside from the unlikehood of any such occurrence, the incorporators would be protected against loss.

A readjustment has been found necessary since Tuesday when the telegram was sent to you, involving the appointment of a larger number of incorporators, so to the names choosen from the field at large, thirty have been added from New York and vicinity. Mrs. Bennett will write you more fully in explanation. Mrs. Brainerd telegraphed declining, but Miss Fraser and Mrs. Geil as well as yourself reported favorably.

It is a delight to have your splendid commendation of Mrs. Wiber and her work in Michigan. It is a record that she has made elsewhere, but we are all glad to know that she is so warmly received in your societies. I shall share your letter with exceeding pleasure among the other officers, and they will want me to voice their gratification that Mrs. Wiber is so gladly welcomed by your ladies.

With love from us out of these busy days which you so well understand, and with appreciation of your busy days in behalf of the work, I am,

Affectionately,

L/A

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Vice Presidents of the Woman's Board of Home Missions
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Woman's Home Missionary Society

Synod of Michigan

Detroit. April 8th

My dear Miss Long.

I have just returned from Detroit Presbyterial Meeting at Ypsilanti. Mich, and find your telegram here - I have wired acceptance - but I am not a wealthy woman - so if it means any great financial obligations - I could not be held responsible.

I think it quite an honor to be invited to be asked to be one of the incorporators and hope we will be most successful in the years to come -

Mrs. D. E. Wiley has made a splendid impression on our Mich. women wherever she has spoken - she is a great woman, I liked her eminently, we have become very good friends - I fear we worked her to hard - but what could I do - they simply demanded hearing her - again and again.

I sent my name with- Mrs. H. L. O'Brien
for two single rooms with-baths- and
also one double room with-bath- for two from
Detroit Presbyterial - and I have never heard
from M. Yait at all- I am becoming a
little anxious, as I cannot- bear this not-
knowing that my room is properly engaged.
I leave tonight- for Marquette in the Upper
Peninsula - I rather dread crossing the Straits
through the ice - the horrible sensation of the-
crushing of the ice as we plow our way through
is somewhat- uncanny-
I am not anxious to hear of the closing
of the books-
Heaps of love to you and all of the dear ones
at-296- Very much in a hurry from
Yours lovingly
(Mrs. J.K.) Agnes M. Mitchell.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Apr. 14, 1915

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Can you send me a copy of the Petition sent to Albany in the matter of the incorporation of the Woman's Board? I shall beglad to have the same. I desire to have an accurate copy of the same in the Report of the Executive Commission I have also to suggest that you examine the last clause in Section 1 of the copy of the Act sent to you by me, to see if said last clause reads as follows: "And from time to time may be entrusted to said Woman's Board, for its missionary or educational purposes". My attention has been drawn to the fact that the word "Woman's" ought to be inserted for the purposes of clearness.

Cordially yours,

W. H. Roberts
S.C.G.A.

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April 14, 1915.

To
Mrs. William Edgar Geil, Mrs. J. K. Mitchell,
and Miss Julia Fraser.

Dear Friends:

It was with much pleasure that we received your telegram saying that you would serve as incorporators of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Mrs. Brainerd, whose name was mentioned in the telegram sent you, thought it was best for her not to accept. This left the original number as chosen by the Board,- six.

The following day, after the receipt of your acceptances, we found that there was a possibility of the bill going through the legislature immediately; in which case, the only legal voters concerning Board matters, until the time of General Assembly, would be the six. As three of you are not in New York, this seemed a serious matter. It had been our plan, as of course you understand, to have the number of Board members increased at the meeting of Assembly, this being quite within the powers of that body. After further consultation with our lawyer, it seemed best that we take no chances of being left without a voting body and, therefore, the number of incorporators was increased until it numbered thirty-three. Those of us who were chosen in the original group will not, I am sure, feel that this in any way detracts from the honor paid to us when we were chosen among the original seven. These thirty-three will constitute the voting Board of Home Missions until it is decided that the number should be slightly increased at the time of Assembly.

I am enclosing to you the Act of Incorporation with a full list of incorporators. I should be very glad, for any expression from you as to the number that you think would be the best for the final list. It has seemed that the voting body at New York was rather large, and now that there is a legal responsibility, it seemed best to limit the number. The question has been raised, however, as to whether a few more, possibly six or nine, should not be added. Any expression of opinion from you will be more than gladly received.

Believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Enclosure.
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Memorandum for Mrs. Bennett. April 17, 1915.

Having finally gotten lawyer Bennet, Saturday April seventeenth, he gives the following statement regarding the situation at Albany, where he was yesterday.

Our Act of Incorporation was reported by Senator Brown on the twelfth. It has had (?) its third reading. The Senate will not convene again until Monday night, when our Act of Incorporation will be reported from the Senate to the Assembly. Speaker Sweet has promised that immediately upon receiving the bill he will place it before the Assembly. So Mr. Bennet expects it to go through before the adjournment.

Regarding the suggestion made by Dr. Roberts that the phrase in the last line of the first paragraph of the Act of Incorporation should read, "said Woman's Board," instead of "said Board," Mr. Bennet advises that nothing be attempted in connection with any change now, as there are but four more days before the adjournment of the Legislature; and to take up any question would make it impossible to secure any action. He says that another Legislature can very easily amend the Act by inserting the word "Woman's" in the suggested phrase, if that shall be deemed necessary.

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Woman's Home Missionary Society
Synod of Michigan

(Am just leaving for Flint- Presbyterial Meeting)

Detroit. April. 19th 1915.

My dear Mrs. Bennett;-

I certainly was a much surprised woman when I received the telegram asking me to be one of the Incorporators of the the "Great National Woman's Board of Home Missions" of the Presbyterian Church. U. S. A. but when I received the first shock - I turned right around from being scared - to a condition of joy and gladness and felt very thankful that our beloved Michigan was so honored.

I thank whoever is responsible, and will endeavor to be very humble and yet ever ready to do my part - whether it be large or small. Prayer will be the strengthening force and motive power of all of my ~~thoughts~~ and actions.

And I will never forget to have you especially on my list. you have been such

an inspiration to me and to our women -
Michigan will uphold your hands on!
you can count on us for real genuine
loyalty.

Whatever you think is wise and best as
regard to the number will be satisfactory
to me - there may be many women whose
names and service might be of real value
to the Board at headquarters - those names
I would not be very familiar with - so
will leave the number with you -

The number should not be too unwieldy
and yet be large enough to assure prompt
action when needed - the quorum will be
a great help to expedite matters.

I feel that the work will have a great
standing in the County and we will all
be brave and go forward ever minding that
the work is the Lords and we are His
servants -

Please keep me posted in regard to the
matter and if necessary to come earlier to Rochester
I remain a little longer - I will plan home cares
so as to make it possible. Hurrah for the Suffrage
Heaps of love to you, my dear - Lovingly yours.

(Mrs. J.K.) Agnes M. Mitchell

April 20, 1915.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

I am enclosing to you a copy of the petition sent to Albany.

The bill has passed the third reading in the Senate, and we hope was sent down from the Senate to the Assembly last night. There is, therefore, every hope that it will be through the Assembly in a few days. The near approach of adjournment keeps us anxious, of course, lest in the haste of other material this should be lost sight of; but we are using every possible influence to keep the matter before the legislative bodies.

The petition, as you will see, went up as originally framed, without the insertion of the word "Woman's" in the last clause of section one. We have consulted with the lawyer in charge of our petition as to whether it would be possible to have the word "Woman's" inserted now. He advised that nothing be attempted, as there were so few days before the adjournment of the Legislature and any change might make it impossible to secure action at this session. He assures us it will be a very simple matter to have another Legislature amend the Act by inserting the word "Woman's", if it is deemed desirable.

Thanking you for your careful thought of us, and with all personal good wishes, believe me,

Cordially yours,

Enclosure.

B/B

Dictated but not signed.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 21,1915

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156-Fifth Ave.,N.W.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have your letter of April 20th.

I am glad to know there is a prospect of the bill containing the Charter of the Woman's Board passing the New York Assembly.

We can probably make good the peculiar phraseology to which I have drawn your attention by a resolution of the General Assembly. Of course, I took it for granted that the lawyers in charge of the Charter had done right.

Cordially yours,

Wm. H. Roberts

Stated Clerk.

April 29, 1915.

To his Excellency the Governor,
Executive Mansion,
Albany, New York.

My dear Sir:

I write in behalf of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to express the pleasure of that Board that the Legislature has passed Bill 1947 approving of the Act incorporating the Board.

The Bill, we understand, now awaits your signature. The Board has authorized me to write you calling your attention to the Act and expressing the hope that, among the multitude of official papers which claim your attention, this Act of Incorporation may be given consideration and receive your signature at as early a date as shall be convenient.

Respectfully,

Secretary.

ELMER E. COOLEY
WILLIAM S. BENNET
TELEPHONE 5892 HANOVER
CABLE "ATTYCOOL"

BENNET & COOLEY,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW,
SIXTY WALL STREET,
NEW YORK.

May 3, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Pres. Woman's Board Of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mrs. Bennet:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that the Governor has signed the bill incorporating the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the Act is Chapter 420 of the Laws of 1915, but I am not yet advised as to the date of the approval. I would suggest that you have an early meeting of the incorporators.

I discovered when I got to Albany and read the printed bill that one result of the rapid work which I had to do when I found at the last moment that the burden of getting the bill through, was to be done by me was that I had sent a copy of the Act as originally drafted by me to Albany instead of the Act as amended by the Executive Commission. This was absolutely unintentional and due entirely to the fact that I did not know until so late that I was to do this particular work. I would suggest, therefore, that at the first meeting, a motion be passed directing me as counsel for the Board to prepare an amendment to Section 3 of the Act by adding the words " and the conduct, management and administration of all the business and affairs of the said corporation, shall at all times be expressly under and subject to the jurisdiction, supervision and direction of said General Assembly", and also if you think wise, incorporating in the proposed amendment, the amendment suggested by Dr. Roberts.

I would suggest that you also communicate with the bank or banks at which you intend to open accounts and obtain from them the forms of the resolutions which they desire adopted, so that your Treasurer can open accounts.

Yours very truly,

B/D.

Memorandum for Mrs. Bennett. May 4, 1915.

The names of incorporators not present at either morning or afternoon session of incorporators, April 13, 1915, are as follows:

Miss Julia Fraser
Mrs. Wm. Edgar Geil
Mrs. J. K. Mitchell
Mrs. A. W. Corning
Mrs. J. S. Dickson
Mrs. A. Sackett
Miss Margaret Stimson
Mrs. J. A. Webb

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PARSONS, CLOSSON & MCILVAINE,

52 William Street,

New York, May 8th, 1915.

H.C.Olin, Esq., Treasurer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the recent incorporation of the Woman's Board, and the changes which it makes necessary in the management of the funds which have been held by the Board of Home Missions for the use of that one of its departments which has hitherto been known as the Woman's Board, you have put to me certain questions, which I answer as follows:

"1st. Are we legally justified in carrying on their business as we are now doing, that is, in accepting their deposits, paying their expenses, etc?"

I understand that this inquiry relates only to the period between the date when the incorporation of the Woman's Board became effective (May 1, 1915, or thereabouts) and June 1, 1915, the date at which it intends to actually begin its own work. I assume also that the plan that the Board shall accept during the period deposits of funds belonging to the Woman's Board and pay its expenses, has the full consent of that Board, and is proposed merely as a matter of convenience for both Boards, so as to allow a reasonable time for the opening by the Woman's Board of its own office, the setting up of its own books, and the actual establishment of its own administrative independence.

I see no object to this plan. It goes without saying that the books to be kept by the Board will clearly show the situation, i.e., in the case of all funds belonging to the Woman's Board which it holds, that they are held for the account of that Board, and that expenses paid for its account are also to be charged to and reimbursed by it.

"2nd. As to their funds:
If specifically designated for permanent investment, can the Board legally divest itself of these trusts?
If, by direction of the Woman's Board, funds have been carried to the Permanent Fund without being specifically designated by the donors, will that alter the case?"

I assume that these two inquiries relate to funds that have been given to the Board of Home Missions with some restriction providing, in substance, that they have been given "for the use of the Woman's Board", either with or without an

additional direction that the funds shall be held for permanent investment.

The legal title to such gifts, the Woman's Board not having been incorporated at the time they were made, is in the Board of Home Missions, subject only to the limitation that they, or, where given for permanent investment, the income, shall be used to carry on the work of the Board through the agency of that one of its departments which has hitherto been known as the Woman's Board. These gifts were not made to the Woman's Board; otherwise they would have been void, because of its legal non-existence. They were made to the Board of Home Missions, and have been sustained on that ground. I do not think that the subsequent incorporation of the Woman's Board affects the situation as to such gifts, or that the Board of Home Missions can divest itself of them or of the trusts which their acceptance has imposed. It may very well be that the donors of these gifts made them for the very reason that it was understood by them that the actual custody and management of the funds would be in its hands.

I think, however, that the Board of Home Missions, now that the Woman's Board has become an incorporated body, may use it as an agency, just as it made use of the department hitherto known as the "Woman's Board", to carry forward its missionary work, and, to that end, may from time to time turn over to it funds which have been given for its use, or the income from funds which have been given to apply the income therefrom to its use.

"3rd. As to the property: Can we legally deed them to the Woman's Board?"

I think not, and for the reasons above given. This is subject to the possible exception that in some special situation the Board of Home Missions may find that the best and most effective method of accomplishing its work is to use the Woman's Board and its organization as an agency for that purpose. In such a case it might be that it would be proper for the Board even to transfer title to property, unaffected by special trust limitations, to the Woman's Board. Each such case should be dealt with, I think, as it rises.

"4th. As to annuities: As annuitants hold agreements with the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., can the Board of Home Missions divest itself of these trusts?"

I think not; certainly not, without the consent of the annuitant.

"5th. As to legacies: If hereafter legacies are received in which funds are left to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church for the use of the Woman's Board, can we properly turn these over to the Woman's Board, or will it be necessary for the Board of Home Missions to administer them for the benefit of the Woman's Board?"

This inquiry relates, as I understand, to legacies given and to take effect after the date of the incorporation of the Woman's Board, and given without other limitation than that they are "for the use of the Woman's Board". My first impression is that such a gift would be held to be a gift to the Woman's Board, and that the Board of Home Missions, if it should receive the amount of the gift, could properly turn it over, and indeed might be required to turn it over, to the Woman's Board. Each such case, however, would have to be considered with special reference to the exact terms of the will or other instrument making the gift, and it is impossible to say in advance just what in each case the Court would decide. I am clear that under the law of charitable trusts now obtaining in this State, such a gift would be upheld, either as an out and out gift to the Woman's Board, or as a trust for its benefit. In the case of real estate situated in other States or of testators domiciled in other States, the laws of those States would, I think, need to be considered.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM E. CARNOCHAN.

May 10, 1915.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,
Secretary of the Executive Commission,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

It is with extreme regret that I come to you to report that, owing to the necessity for haste in having the charter of the Woman's Board sent to the State Legislature, there was an error made in the lawyer's office and it was not discovered until the charter had been signed that the copy sent up to Albany was the original one and not the one which contained the phrase inserted at the request of the committee of the Executive Commission.

I think I need hardly say that I would have been glad to have had any other phrase omitted rather than this one. It was entirely due to inadvertence, and I trust that this matter may be very fully explained to the Commission. It was our earnest desire to comply with every requirement.

A meeting of the incorporators was held on Friday last, May seventh, and at that time the following actions were placed upon our Minutes in order that the error may be rectified so soon as the State Legislature again assembles:

(1) That an amendment of the charter be asked from the next Legislature for the insertion of the words,- "And the conduct, management and administration of all the business and affairs of the said corporation, shall at all times be expressly under and subject to the jurisdiction, supervision and direction of said General Assembly," at the end of Section 3.

(2) That a second amendment of the charter be asked from the next Legislature for the insertion of the word "Woman's" before the word "Board" in the last clause of Section 1.

We have taken the matter up immediately, in order that our position in the matter may be absolutely clear. You will note from the above resolutions that we are also insering the word "Woman's" in section one, as you suggested it might be well to do.

Believe me that I am, with every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

May 10, 1915.

Mr. William S. Bennet,
60 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Bennet:

While in the actual fact of the working out of our charter it has made no difference concerning the omission of the phrase inserted by the committee of the Executive Commission, it is, nevertheless, something of an embarrassment to explain to the Commission that that one sentence should have been left out. I am writing Dr. Roberts as the Secretary of the Commission, in order that there may be no misunderstanding and that they may know that is is an oversight.

At a special meeting of the Board of incorporators, called for last Friday, the following actions were taken:

(1) "That an amendment of the charter be asked from the next Legislature for the insertion of the words,- "And the conduct, management and administration of all the business and affairs of the said corporation, shall at all times be expressly under ~~and subject~~ to the jurisdiction, supervision and direction of said General Assembly," at the end of Section 3.

(2) That a second amendment of the charter be asked from the next Legislature for the insertion of the word "Woman's" before the word"Board" in the last clause of Section 1.

Believe me that I am,

Very truly yours,

B/B

May 14, 1915.

Mrs. CalvinnB. Walker,
114 West 79th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Walker:

Will you pardon my failure to acknowledge your note of April thirteenth, in which you were careful to ask that your name, in connection with the list of incorporators, should be Mrs. Calvin B. Walker? We had already sent the list of incorporators with the bill asking for incorporation to Albany, and it was in the hands of the Legislature when your note was written. However, you will not be sorry, I hope, that your name, as well as that of each other incorporator was given,as it must be in such cases, Oma C. Walker. A woman, I believe, is not permitted to use her husband's name for such purposes.

And now let me acknowledge your card which came yesterday, asking that we would have re-written for the Board of Home Missions the paper containing "An Appreciation" from our own Board meeting on Tuesday. Mrs. Sackett had very kindly left the paper in our office, and I had already had the copy made, feeling sure it would be your wish that a new copy should go to the Board of Home Missions for its meeting to-day. Further, we would want for our own files the original copy.

Let me express my pleasure in the statement which you prepared for the committee for its careful outline of the development of the work from the beginning and indicating so clearly the close relationship which has always existed between the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Board of Home Missions. I am sure there are many of us who are praying that the fellowship of the past and the cordial comradeship of its service may be but a promise of future fellowship and comradeship for a single cause.

Cordially,

L/B

RECD APR 13 1915
ANS'D
BY

WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, N. Y.

E. G. L.

MISS ANNIE HYATT, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. A. S. CRANE, SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT
MISS EDITH GRIER LONG, SECRETARY
MRS. M. J. GILDERSLEEVE, ASSOCIATE SECRETARY
MISS M. JOSEPHINE PETRIE, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY
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MISS DORA M. FISH, TREASURER
MRS. DWIGHT E. POTTER, SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK
MISS THEODORA FINKS, EDITOR HOME MISSION MONTHLY
MARSHALL C. ALLABEN, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MRS. SUSAN L. STORER, SECRETARY WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT
FREEDMEN'S BOARD, 513 BESSEMER BLDG., PITTSBURGH, PA.

My dear Miss Long—

My name is very often confused with Mrs C. E. Walker a former secretary of the Woman's Board in Hence, as one of the incorporators will you have it corrected Mrs Calvin D. Walker

and oblige,

O. C. Walker.

Literature Room.

Apr. 13-1915

May 17, 1915.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,
Hotel Powers,
Rochester, New York.

Dear Dr. Roberts:

The copy of the Charter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions has not yet come down from Albany. I am, however, enclosing to you a copy that I have signed, it being my understanding now that this is the exact form in which this was passed by the Legislature of the State of New York.

I shall be very anxious to see you after Assembly, as there are one or two questions concerning which I should like to speak with you.

It may be desirable for me to present to the Executive Commission some of our present difficulties owing to incorporation. I shall be at the Hotel Rochester from the morning of Tuesday the eighteenth.

Believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

July 13, 1915.

Mr. Francis M. Hugo,
Secretary of State,
Albany, New York.

My dear Mr. Hugo:

The Honorable William S. Bennet has sent to my office two copies of the Charter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., passed by the last Legislature of New York and signed by Governor Whitman, as we understand, on April 28th, 1915, under Chapter 420 of the Laws of the State of New York.

Mr. Bennet said we could have any number of copies by making request directly to Albany. Inasmuch as we have forty-five Board members, may I ask the courtesy of fifty copies of the Charter?

If I am addressing the wrong person, kindly pardon and pass on this request to the proper official.

Respectfully,

L/B

July 13, 1915.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin,
31 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Marvin:

In Mrs. Bennett's absence your note of this morning, brought by messenger, has been opened and shared with Miss Fish.

Mrs. Bennett is not expected in the office to-morrow. Miss Fish, however, will be very glad to have a call from you and will be happy to meet your own convenience as to the hour. She suggests eleven o'clock as convenient for her. She is obliged to leave the office at three in the afternoon but at any time before that she will be happy to see you in her office, room 615.

Sincerely,

L/B

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

July 14th, 1915.

Treasury Dept., W. B.
Ans.
JUL 15 1915
Noted
By

Miss Dora M. Fish,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Fish:-

On second thoughts I would like to know if it would be possible for you to hold up the printing of your annuity circular for ten days or two weeks, in order to give me time to look into the questions pretty thoroughly. Of course I recognize that the example of a body of the standing of the Board of Home Missions is a splendid one to follow, and, at the same time, the subject of accepting annuities and the method of handling them present a good many important questions. You are just starting out, and the method that you adopt, presumably will be followed for many years to come. It is possible also that the Board of Home Missions will be able to do things and carry things through which it will be more difficult for your Board to accomplish. The taking of annuities will not be confined to New York State, or other states where your organization is thoroughly well known, but it will apply to states in which you have small interests, and in which officials might criticise your acts. Probably you will remember that last Winter the Sunshine Society, with, I believe, the best intentions in the world, became involved in most serious and unpleasant complications. They were not money troubles alone, although

these were at the bottom of the matter, but the questions brought up were points of authority and propriety of acts done under the Charter of the Society, and the Officers of the Society were most severely criticised.

Consequently, any snap judgment that I might give to you would not be worth anything, and I should be extremely reluctant to take a position in this matter without going into it carefully and seeing where it will lead to.

Regretting the annoyance and inconvenience that I know any delay will put you to, I am,

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Warnick

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HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

July 14th, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Today I had a talk with Miss Fish, and find that the question of financing the Board's current expenses is not immediately pressing. I think that the question of the property to which your Board is entitled should not be taken up piecemeal, that is, in individual gifts or bequests. It seems to me that it is a point which should be taken up by the Board of Home Missions in co-operation with your Board, and not solely through Mr. Olin. The danger of taking up an individual legacy through Mr. Olin is that the point at issue becomes resolved into a technical legal point upon which he gets his attorney's opinion. This type of thing we want to avoid.

The important thing is for your two Boards to agree upon some broad, general and yet definite principles, which will govern the separation of the securities and other property. It seems to me that it would be best for the Men's Board to appoint a committee, the smaller the better, to meet with a committee to be appointed by your Board, and then have these committees jointly talk over conditions with Mr. Olin and Miss Fish, and probably Mr. Carnochan and myself. I make this suggestion tentatively

and will talk it over with you further within a couple of days, and if you approve we can see what is the best way to go about it.

In the meantime, and so as to avoid any possible feeling of slight on Mr. Olin's part, I have asked Miss Fish to arrange a time for me to call on Mr. Olin next Monday, and talk things over generally with him. Naturally I will not commit your Board to anything without being instructed by you, but I think there is no doubt that with Mr. Olin is the place to begin. On the other hand, the Board itself is the place to go to have the general principles and the spirit of the separation clearly enunciated and defined.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin.

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31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

July 14th, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am writing this letter to confirm our undersfanding of yesterday.

The amount of legal and advisory work that will be necessary in connection with establishing your Board as a separate organization is entirely unknown to both of us. Therefore, if it is satisfactory to your Board, I will act not strictly as attorney, but as general counsel for your organization, and go over with you and the other officers, with some care, the various steps that will be necessary to complete your organization and place in your hands all of the property to which you are entitled. As I said to you yesterday, I know that your Board, being a charitable society, must keep its legal and incidental expenses down as low as possible, and that you will want to know from time to time what expenses you are incurring. Therefore, for the present, I will submit to you a monthly statement, with the understanding that my retainer is by the month only, and that if either the services or charges are unsatisfactory, you will have the right to terminate the employment at the end of any month.

It is perhaps needless for me to say however that I am proud to have any part in a work of the char-

acter conducted by your Board, and that it is my hope and will be my earnest endeavor that our relations shall be mutually agreeable and shall continue.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin

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ARTHUR L. MARVIN

July 13th, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

This will acknowledge receipt from you yesterday of the reports of the Board of Home Missions and the Women's Board of Home Missions. I have looked over some of them and am astonished at the size and the scope of the work that your Board has been doing. Will you be in town tomorrow (Wednesday)? If so, will it be satisfactory for me to come up to 156 Fifth Avenue and see you and Miss Fish?

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin

July 16, 1915.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin, (Atty-at-Law)
31 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:--

On my return to my office to-day I found your message in regard to "Annuity Gifts" awaiting me, and I hasten to answer at once.

I am sorry to be compelled to report that the printing of the Annuity Agreement has gone too far to be held up, but of course it can be withheld from circulation until later.

I have read your letter over very carefully, and I am advised that as these agreements are made and signed in New York State and not recorded by the annuitants, they, therefore, do not co me under the jurisdiction of other States.

I have further learned that this matter was taken up last year by Mr. Fleming H. Revell - a member of the Board of Home Missions, and carefully considered by the law firm of Messrs. Parsons, Classon & McIlvaine, of #52 William Street, this City, the final decision being that there is nothing to prevent the handling of annuities by Missionary and Philanthropic Boards of Churches.

In order to obtain a full understanding of this matter, Will you not take up the subject with Mr. William E. Carnochan, of the firm above mentioned, who looks after the interests of the Board of Home Missions? Mr. Carnochan will be able to give you a full account of the situation as far as the Home Board is concerned.

The Board of Home Missions has accepted the following annuities for the Woman's Board, and, I understand from Mr. Olin, are willing to take up the matter of turning these over to the Woman's Board in the near future:—

Mary F. Hall (a friend)	5%	$14,000.00
Nancy M. Carver,	5%	1,500.00
Joanna M. Campbell,	6%	1,000.00
Ruth H. Olmstead,	4%	1,000.00
Elizabeth C. Callender,	6%	500.00
Ervilla G. Tuttle,	6%	1,000.00
Harriet H. Keyes,	5%	3,461.26
		$22,461.26

When consulting Mr. Carnochan on the subject, I will appreciate it if you will ascertain, if possible, when these annuities will be transferred to the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

I am also enclosing a statement of our Financial Standing to date. It will take quite a while to secure a list of the properties belonging to the Woman's Board, but will push the matter along as soon as possible.

Awaiting, with interest, your interview with Mr. Carnochan,

I remain

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

July 20, 1915.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin,
31 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Marvin:

I am writing at this time to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July fourteenth in which you suggest that for the present you act as general counsel for the Woman's Board, submitting the expenses monthly and~~i~~d we can tell better just what the work involved is going to be.

I further acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the same date, relating to the question of the property of the Woman's Board now held by the Board of Home Missions.

I fully agree that some general principle should be reached before too much detail work has been done. I feel certain that,if committees from the two Boards with the legal representatives of these Boards could confer frankly, the way would be made easy for the necessary adjustments and transfers.

Believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/B

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31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

Treasury Dept., W. B.
Ans.
JUL 29 1915
Noted
By

July 28th, 1915.

Miss Dora M. Fish, Treasurer,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Miss Fish:-

Confirming my telephone conversation of yesterday would say that I had a very pleasant talk with Mr. Olin. Among other things Mr. Olin said clearly that it was his understanding that the Board of Home Missions wished to turn over to the Woman's Board all of the money and property that it was able legally to turn over. Therefore, as soon as Mr. Carnochan returns I will get in touch with him and try to devise some plan upon which we can both agree to accomplish this result.

It might be of assistance to amend your charter, putting in provisions similar to those of Section 5 of the charter of the Board of Home Missions, and, also, the statement that the Woman's Board is the "legal successor" of the previous Woman's Executive Committee. Mr. Olin told me also that the Board of Home Missions had referred all questions in regard to the transfer of property to its finance committee together with the treasurer and counsel, and therefore it will not be necessary for that Board to appoint another committee.

I think your Board, at its convenience, should determine how actively it will desire to consult with the finance Committee of the Men's Board in regard to its investments. If the close co-operation and assistance of that com-

mittee could be obtained, it might be a great advantage to your organization, and, on the other hand, there may be difficulties in the way of this of which I am unaware. At the present time the question is raised because of some securities which you have just received under a legacy, namely: 45 Belingham Imp. bonds; 3 Conenbango Lumber Co. bonds; 4 Redondo Dev. Co. bonds and 36 shares of the common stock of the Chicago & N.W. and also by the $10,000. cash of the Mrs. Bailey Memorial Fund which you received. It seems to me that steps should be taken very shortly to decide whether or not you wish to hold the securities above named and whether or not you should invest the cash.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin.

July 28th, 1915.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin,
Attorney-at-law,
No. 31 Nassau Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Marvin:-

I am enclosing herewith a typewritten copy of the By-Laws of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. As stated over the telephone, there will likely be some amendments to these By-laws in the fall, hence they will not be printed for the time being. Later on will be able to send you a printed copy.

I am wondering if I may have the paper I handed to you on Annuity Gifts and Bequests. Mrs. Bennett seemed to think this material should be gotten out at the earliest possible moment.

With kindest wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

Enc.

F/F

October 11, 1915.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Roberts:

My attention has been called to the fact that the Executive Commission sits at Atlantic City beginning its sessions on November tenth.

Can you tell me whether there is any reason why the Commission would desire my presence at any of its sessions? I do not quite know my duties and responsibilities in this direction and would not want to fail in either. On the other hand, we are planning a most important Conference of the six Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and the proposed date for assembling at Chicago is November tenth. If I am to go to Atlantic City at that time, then I must try to push the other date further ahead.

I am sorry to bother you but it takes time for us to adjust ourselves to our new conditions. You will be glad, I am sure, to know that under the changed status our Woman's Board has met with few difficulties and has found its way much easier than it dared to hope.

With cordial remembrances to you personally and to your daughter, believe me

Faithfully yours,

B/B

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Ans. 10/16

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

Witherspoon Building
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

October 12th, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Dear Mrs. Bennet:-

Will you kindly inform me what has been done in the matter of the charter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Please look on p. 248 of the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1915. At the bottom of the page you will find that the Executive Commission was authorized to take such steps as may be necessary in connection with said charter. You will remember that a section was omitted inadvertedly from the act of the legislature containing the charter, and that the promise was made that the amendment would be secured. It is for that reason that I ask for information.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Yours cordially,

Wm. H. Roberts

October 16, 1915.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D., LL.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Roberts:

It will not be possible to take any steps to have the Charter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions amended until the Legislature of the State of New York meets again. That will be, I believe, in January.

We have the matter on our docket and it will have our attention if it be the wish of the Executive Commission that the Woman's Board proceed in the matter. The wording of the Minute might seem to indicate that the Commission itself would act.

Believe me that I am

Very cordially yours,

B/B

OCT 20 1915

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Oct. 19, 1915

Mrs. F.S.Bennett,

Womans Board of Home Missions.

Dear Mrs. Bennett ;

I am glad to have your letter of October 16th, stating, as it does clearly, the readiness of the Board of which you are President, to proceed in the matter of the amendment of the Charter of the Board, when the Legislature of the State of New York meets next January. Your letter will be submitted to the Executive Commission at its next meeting.

The action of the General Assembly authorizing the Commission to take such further steps as may be necessary in connection therewith, should not be interpreted to mean that the Commission feels authorized to proceed to securing an amendment to the Charter, without the cooperation of the Womans Board of Home Missions. The authority given by the Assembly, you will notice, is very broad, and the whole subject will be submitted for consideration by the Commission.

Yours cordially,

W. H. Roberts
S.C.G.A.

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OCT 21 1915

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Oct. 20, 1915

Mrs. F.S.Bennett,

Womans Board of Home Missions,

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

Allow me to draw your attention to the fact that the Womans Board of Home Missions should be represented at the meeting of the Executive Commission of the General Assembly at Atlantic City, November 10th to 11th, 1915. Mr. Massey, the Chairman of the Committee, on the Charter of the Board of Home Missions, writes me that he would like to have the Board represented, in order that the representative may consult with the Committee. I know of no more appropriate representative than yourself, and therefore express the hope that you will be present. The meeting place will be the Hotel Chalfonte, and I advise that you write to the Hotel, and ask for a room at the rate given to the Executive Commission, namely $4 per day, on the American Plan.

With cordial regards,

Very truly yours,

Wm. H. Roberts

October 29th, 1915.

Dr. William H. Roberts,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 20th, calling my attention to the meeting of the Executive Commission of General Assembly at Atlantic City, November 10th and 11th, 1915, and stating that I should be in attendance at that time. It is my very earnest desire to meet all the wishes of the Commission fully and I shall reach the Hotel Chalfonte on the late afternoon of Tuesday, November 9th; I trust that it will not be suggesting any change of program if I ask of the Commission and of the special Committee charged with the affairs of the Woman's Board, that matters pertaining to the Board be placed on the docket before Wednesday, at 4:30 P. M. I have tried to change the date of the Conference of the six Women's Foreign Boards and the Woman's Boards of Home Missions, but have not been successful. It seems imperative, therefore, that I leave Atlantic City on the afternoon of the 10th, in order that I may be in Chicago by two o'clock of the 11th, to open the above Conference.

I trust my request will be no embarrassment.

I have enjoyed the hasty glance - all my absence from home has yet allowed me - of the program of the Harvest Fete prepared by Miss Roberts. I am promising myself a more careful survey of it

and am glad to express my appreciation of your thought in sending it to me.

With pleasant anticipation of seeing you, I am,

Very cordially yours,

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Nov. 1, 1915

Mrs. F.S.Bennett,

Woman's Board of Home Missions.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

In reply to yours of October 29th I have to state that I am glad to know that you will reach the Hotel Chalfonte on the evening of Tuesday, November 9th. A meeting can be arranged for you with the Committee of the Executive Commission of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. I think that we can adjust matters fully. I regret, however, that you will not be present to represent the Woman's Board of Home Missions at the Conference with the Boards, but perhaps it is just as well to let that representation go until the next meeting of the Commission, which will be in New York.

Cordially yours,

Wm H Roberts

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(C o p y)

New York, December 1, 1915.

H. C. Olin, Esq., Treasurer,
156 Fifth avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Olin:-

Woman's Board

Do not think that I am overlooking the memoranda which you have submitted in regard to the various funds still held by your Board in which the Woman's Board is interested.

Mr. Marvin, counsel for the woman's Board, has advised me that it is their purpose to apply very shortly for an amendment of their charter, in which it is proposed to insert some additional provisions relating to the claim of the Woman's Board to the funds in question as the successor of the unincorporated body.

I think, and apparently Mr. Marvin does also, that until action has been taken upon this proposed amendment, it may be better to defer further transfers of funds.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) William E. Carnochan.

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

Notified Mrs. Bennett.

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER
HARVEY C. OLIN, TREASURER

December 2nd, 1915.

D.M.F.

Miss Dora M. Fish, Treas.,

B u i l d i n g.

My dear Miss Fish:-

As per promise this morning, I beg to hand you herewith, a letter just received from our Counsel, Wm. E. Carnochan, Esq., with regard to the turning over of further funds to the Board, and the conference with your Counsel, Mr. Marvin, relative to certain amendments to your charter.

Until this matter is settled I suppose it would hardly be desirable to turn over further funds, although, up to this point, we have been ready to do so just as fast as Mr. Carnochan furnished us with the necessary authority.

Your of course understand this.

Very cordially yours,

Treasurer.

(Enclosure)

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COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

December 1st, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

Re Amendment to Charter.

I have drafted three proposed amendments to your charter, which are as follows:

1. To state that the General Assembly has direction and control of your organization.

2. To state that your organization is the legal successor of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Executive Committee of that Board.

3. That the Board of Home Missions is authorized to transfer to the Woman's Board all property received by it in trust for the work of the former Woman's Board and Executive Committee and that from such transfer your organization will receive the property subject to the trusts specified by the donors.

Today I submitted these proposed amendments to Mr. Carnochan and have just had a talk with him. Mr. Carnochan's attitude is most friendly, liberal and fair in every respect. He thinks that these amendments should be made and will pass upon the phraseology of them within a few days. As soon as Mr. Carnochan has passed on them, I will send the proposed amendments to you.

In the course of the conversation it became necessary for me to tell Mr. Carnochan why it was incumbent upon you to urge the amendment as soon after the first of January as possible. In doing so I told Mr. Carnochan that you wantedthe fact that there had been an omission from the original charter kept confidential.

Mr. Carnochan said further that the Men's Board wanted to turn over to your organization all the property it had received in trust for the work that you are doing, and that he had given an opinion that your incorporated body was the legal successor of the previous Woman's Committee and Woman's Board. It was very nice of Mr. Carnochan to give this opinion without waiting for your charter to be amended.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Harris.

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Mr. Arthur I. Marvin,
3I Nassau Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Marvin:-

I have referred the matter of a decision as to our attitude toward the question relative to the Austin Estate in your letters of recent date, to the Finance Committee and you will hear from them shortly in regard thereto.

I shall be glad to have the wording of the proposed amendments to our Charter when they are ready. I am not sure that the Executive Commission will allow any changes except those already approved-that is, the insertion of the omitted clause, and the insertion of the word " Tonna'e " before "Board" in the end of Section I. For this reason it will be well to have these in the hands of Mr. Massey early enough to allow of all correspondence concerning them that may be needed.

Believe me, tht I am,

Very truly yours,

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

December 17th, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I have had another interview with Mr. Carnochan, and am enclosing you herewith two copies of proposed amendments to your charter which meet with Mr. Carnochan's approval. All the new matter is underscored, and what is not underscored is not new, but is a necessary repetition in putting in an amendatory act. You will see that the two amendments referred to in your letter appear on page 2 and at the top of page 3. Commencing at the bottom of page 3 and running over page 4 and part of page 5 are my suggestions of additional provisions for your charter. These are modeled upon and follow the wording of the Act creating the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which in its turn was a succeeding body.

I trust these proposed amendments will meet with Mr. Massey's approval.

Very truly yours,

2 encls.

Arthur L. Marvin

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

December 30th, 1915.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I write this note merely in confirmation of our conversation on the train yesterday morning. I have had the proposed Amendatory Act rewritten with the two corrections which you suggested, and am writing Judge Massey and Mr. Bennett enclosing copies of the proposed amendments. As soon as replies are received, I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin.

January 10, 1916.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin,
31 Nassau Street;
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Marvin:

I have just returned from the South and find your letter of January eighth, enclosing the letter from Mr. Bennet and Judge Massey. I am not at all surprised that Judge Massey has taken the position he has in reference to the amendments of the Charter of the Woman's Board. I did not suppose that Mr. Bennet would be interested in the matter at all.

I shall be in New York both Wednesday and Thursday and could see you here at the office on one of those two days if convenient for you. Or, if you would find it more simple to see me in Englewood Tuesday evening I will have the letters there with me. I feel that we should give this matter our attention at a very early date in order that there may be no confusion.

Believe me that I am,

Most cordially yours,

B/D

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

January 8th, 1916.

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I am enclosing you the original letters of Mr. Bennet and Judge Massey, both of which, as you will see, disapprove of suggesting the additional amendments to the Charter of the Woman's Board at this time.

At your conveinence, I will talk over these letters with you, as this will be so much easier than writing a long letter in regard to them.

Very truly yours,

2 encls.

Arthur L Marvin

February 2, 1916.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin,
31 Nassau Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Marvin:

I find that one of the members of our Woman's Board, Mrs. W. A. Bartlett, living at the Murray Hill Hotel, knows Senator Wicks of Utica very well. She will be very glad to ask him to father for us the Bill amending the Charter of the Woman's Board, and probably he could secure some one who would do this same thing in the Assembly. If you will get the Bill in shape and let me have it, Mrs. Bartlett will send it with a personal letter to Senator Wicks. Perhaps you would rather have a letter from Mrs. Bartlett to Senator Wicks. This might be the best. If you will indicate your preference in this matter I will see that it is attended to at once.

Sincerely,

B/D

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

February 3rd, 1916.

Mrs. E. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

As I telephoned you this morning, the same mail that brought your letter of the 2nd brought one from Mr. Bennet at Washington saying that he would have the rewritten bill "properly introduced and put through". Consequently, and in accordance with your instructions, I am sending Mr. Bennet three copies of the bill. Last year Mr. Bennet's office sent the bill to Senator Brown and Speaker Sweet respectively, and very likely the amendatory bill will go through the same channels. I told Mr. Bennet that Mrs. Bartlett would speak to Senator Wicks, and also repeated to Mr. Bennet your great desire to have the bill passed before the February meeting of the Executive Commission.

I am sending a copy of the bill to Judge Massey and am enclosing one to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

1 encl.

Arthur L. Marvin

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

February 7th, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

This morning I received a letter from Mr. Bennet saying that the amendatory bill has been sent to Senator Brown and Speaker Sweet. Mr. Bennet writes that he has no doubt that the bills will go through but that they may not be passed by February 13th. I have written to Judge Massey saying that the bill has been introduced.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin

February 8, 1916.

Mr. Arthur L. Marvin,
31 Nassau Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Marvin:

I have just learned that the Executive Commission will be in New York next week so I am fearful that we shall not have our Charter amended by that time. I am sorry as the question will come up there.

I have asked Mrs. Bartlett to write Senator Wicks asking his good offices if the Bill comes to the Senate.

There is one question which is troubling me. If the Charter is amended without the defininitions as to the Woman's Board being the successor of past agencies, what will be the attitude of Mr. Carnochan in advising the Board of Home Missions as to turning over funds and property to us? With the amendment now proposed Judge Massey will be satisfied to have us receive such, but will Mr. Carnochan advise the Board to give them to us without further question? This raises a rather serious question in the present situation.

Sincerely,

B/D

February 8, 1916.

Mrs. W. A. Bartlett,
Murray Hill Hotel,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett:

I discovered after the meeting last Tuesday that our lawyer had found that Mr. William S. Bennet was willing to cooperate in getting the amendment to our Charter through the Legislature at Albany and that the Bill is to be introduced by some of his acquaintances. If, however, Senator Wicks will cooperate in helping the passage of the Bill, we shall be more than glad and shall appreciate much his help.

I am sending you a copy of the Bill in order that you may, if you will be good enough, forward it with a personal note to Senator Wicks.

Believe me that I am,

Very sincerely yours,

B/D
Enclosure.

COOKE & MARVIN
31 NASSAU STREET
NEW YORK

HEDLEY V. COOKE
ARTHUR L. MARVIN

February 10th, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett, President,
Woman's Board of Home Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

I have your favor of the 8th inst. and hope that the fact that the Amendatory Act is actually in the hands of the Legislature may prove satisfactory to the Executive Commission.

In regard to turning over to your Board any permanent funds, Mr. Carnochan feels that this cannot be done unless some legal action is taken, and I quite agree that this position is correct. The funds have been given to the Board of Home Missions, to be held in trust for the work of your Board, but at present there is no right or authority for the Board of Home Missions to abandon such funds and turn them over to your new corporation in their entirety.

Mr. Carnochan and I have discussed two means of getting this authority. One is an amended charter such as we have discussed heretofore. If this method is found unsatisfactory, another method would be for Mr. Carnochan and I, representing the two Boards, to go to the Attorney General and, providing his approval were obtained to have an application made on behalf of the Board of Home Missions permitting it to resign from these sevaral trusteeships, and to have an application made at the same time on behalf of your Board to be appointed as a substituted trustee.

This application would be under what we call the cy pres doctrine and would be made to the Supreme Court. Either one of these courses will meet with Mr. Carnochan's and my approval. I think, however, that the first one suggested, that is the Amendatory Act, would be both the easiest and most satisfactory. It would cover the whole ground on general principles and at one time. The other method would cover only the specific legacies named in the application, and if others are received in the future, separate applications covering them would have to be made.

I would suggest that you find some means of taking up this subject with the Board of Home Missions. It is quite possible that it would be taken into consideration by the Finance Committee, to whom the matter of this transfer has been referred and of which Mr. Carnochan is a member. But you will know better than I how to handle this situation.

In regard to any funds or property which are not permanent funds, I believe that Mr. Carnochan would advise Mr. Olin to pay them over at once. Mr. Carnochan said today that he had had correspondence about a number and had approved of the transfer of quite a number, taking special cases for one reason ot another. If Miss Fish feels that there are any funds which have not been turned over which are not strictly permanent funds, I think it might be well for Miss Fish, Mr. Olin, Mr. Carnochan and myself, and perhaps yourself, to meet and run over the list of the several funds and property and make a definite grouping, setting on one side all those that are permanent funds and arranging for the immediate transfer of all those that are not permanent funds.

If you should be in the city tomorrow, I should be very glad to hear from you on this subject.

Very truly yours,

Arthur L. Marvin

My dear Mrs Burnett.

Inclosed is a letter from
our Senator Mr. Hicks. Please
do not return it.

With high appreciation of all your
services in the Harlem work

Affectionately your friend
Annah Walcott Bartlett

Murray Hill Hotel.
New York.
February the sixteenth.

CHARLES WELLS WICKS
36th DISTRICT

The Senate of The State of New York Albany

February 15th, 1916.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett:-

Your letter enclosing one from Mrs. ~~Bartlett~~ Bennett, has just come to hand. I can promise you now that I shall do my level best to pass the bill in question, and I do not see where there can be any objection to it.

Assuring you that I will be very glad indeed to help in this matter, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Charles W. Wicks

Mrs. Annah Wolcott Bartlett,
c/o Murray Hill Hotel,
New York City, N.Y.

CHARLES W. WICKS
36th DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Senate of The State of New York Albany

February 17th, 1916.

Mrs. Anna Walcott Bartlett,
Murray Hill Hotel,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Bartlett:-

I was somewhat confused concerning the bill which you sent me to be introduced. I thought the reference to Mr. Bennett meant Senator Bennett from New York, but I realize now that it meant Congressman Bennett.

I have immediately taken the matter in hand, and am having a bill drafted in the Bill Drafting Department, and will see that it is introduced in the Assembly by our Second District Oneida County Assemblyman, Mr. Martin, and I will introduce it in the Senate.

Regretting the confusion and hoping now that I have straightened matters out, I remain,

Very cordially yours,

Charles W. Wicks

Dear Mr. Bennett
I received this letter today.
I suppose it is correct. A. M. B.

Feb. 19, 1916.

Hon. Charles T. Wickes,
Senator, 36th District,
Albany, New York State.

Dear Sir:-

I have recived from Mrs. Bartlett, Murray Hill Hotel, New York City, your letters of February 15th and 17th, and write at once to say that your first understanding of the Bill amending the Charter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church was correct. Congressman William S. Bennet secured for us the passage of the original Charter, and when an amendment seemed desirable his good offices were again sought. It is my understanding that the Bill is in the hands of Senator Brown and of Speaker Sweet, and it was to secure your help in having the Bill passed expeditiously that Mrs. Bartlett wrote you.

The amendment is a simple matter to which I think no one can object: the haste lies in the fact that it is desirable that the fact of its being passed must be reported to the governing body of the denomination at an early date.

Thanking you for your willingness to be of help and trusting that I have made the situation fully clear, I am,

Very truly yours,

General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

REV. W. H. ROBERTS, D.D., LL.D.
STATED CLERK

WITHERSPOON BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

April 18, 1916

Mrs. F.H.Bennett,

Women's Board of Home Missions.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

What about the Chatter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions? Has the amendment thereto recommended by the General Assembly been adopted by the State Legislature? Will you kindly let me have an early answer to this inquiry.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

W. H. Roberts

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April 20, 1916.

Rev. William H. Roberts, D.D.,
Witherspoon Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Roberts:-

I am most glad to report that the Amendment to the Charter of the Woman's Board of Home Missions has passed the Legislature of the State of New York and has been signed by the Governor. We received the word only two days ago and I have been trying to secure from Albany an attested copy to send you but none have yet come.

The delay has been caused by the fact that in the first printing of the amendment the word Woman's was spelled incorrectly, so it was necessary to reprint and go through much of work a second time. It is a great relief to know that it is accomplished.

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES W. WICKS
36TH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Senate of The State of New York Albany

Sauquoit, N. Y., April 29, 1916.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Madam:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 20th and beg to assure you that it was only a pleasure to accomplish what I did for you.

Trusting that I may be able to be of some assistance again in the near future, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Chas W Wicks

CWW/H

The Senate of The State of New York Albany

CHARLES W. WICKS
36th DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

March
Thirty
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Mrs. F. J. Bennett,

New York City.

Dear Madam;-

The bill relating to the charter of the Women's Home Missions is to be called up from the committee in the Assembly to-day for its final passage to-morrow or Monday.

Most sincerely yours,

Charles W. Wicks

CW/FH

CHARLES W. WICKS
36th DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Senate of The State of New York Albany

March
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Mrs. C. Be nett,

New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett;-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 16th and will double my efforts to pass the bill relating to the charter of your Board.

I beg to assure that I am very glad indeed to be of service to you.

Most sincerely yours,

Charles W Wicks

CWW/Fh

March 16, 1916.

Hon. Charles W. Wicks,
Senate of The State of New York,
Albany, New York.

Dear Sir:-

I note in the Utica paper of March 9th that the Bill relating to the Charter of this Board, so kindly introduced by you, has passed the Senate. It is most important to us that this Bill shall be secured by the end of next week if possible, as our fiscal year closes March 31st, and there are property transfers that it is desirable to have made before that date but that cannot be made until this Amendment to the Charter is an accomplished fact.

You have been so very kind in this matter that I am taking the liberty of trespassing still further on your time to ask whether there is any way by which you could expedite the passage of this Bill in the Assembly and secure the signature of the Governor promptly? If this is not a request that is in order I am sure you will pardon my ignorance of the detailed rules of proceedure, and lay my ignoring of such to my anxiety that our Charter should at an early date be in shape.

The members of the Woman's Board are most appreciative of your efforts in our behalf, and for them, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Utica Mar. 9-1916

ERVE : THURSDAY, MA

ONEDIA COUNTY BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Measure for Increasing Salary of County Judge Is Approved—Other Local Matters.

Albany, March 8.—The Senate cities committee reported favorably Assemblyman Davis' bill amending generally the Rome charter.

Bills passed by the Senate yesterday include the following: Mr. Wicks's, increasing the salary of the Oneida county judge from $3,000 to $5,000; also, his bill providing the management of the affairs of the Women's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian church of the United States shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the general assembly of that church in the United States; Assemblyman Davis's, authorizing the superintendent of the Rome Custodial Asylum to grant inmates parole under certain conditions.

The Assembly passed Mr. Davis's bill authorizing the superintendent of the Rome Custodial Asylum, subject to the approval of the managers, to exchange agricultural or manufactured products of the institution for other needed sup-

CHARLES W. WICKS
36th DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE

The Senate of The State of New York Albany

February
Twenty-three,
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Mrs. F. S. Bennett,

156 Fifth Ave.,

New York City.

Dear Madam:-

I am in receipt of your letter Feb. 19th and write to inform you that I interviewed Speaker Sweet and found that he was just about to introduce the Bill. Senator Brown asked me to introduce it for him and I will see to its passage promptly.

Most sincerely yours,

CWW/FH

Charles W. Wicks

April 20, 1916.

Senator Charles W. Wicks,
State House,
Albany, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

The members of the Woman's Board are most grateful to you for your care of our bill securing the amendment to our Charter. We realize in some measure the many duties and anxieties that press upon one occupying your position and understand that to keep track of a matter such as that of the amendment was a bother and a care.

Please believe in our very earnest gratitude.

Mosy sincerely,

May 11, 1916.

Mr. John T. Fitzpatrick,
Law Library,
Albany, New York.

My dear Sir:-

Your letter of May fifth came during my absence doing field work. I am sorry that reply should have been delayed to your inquiry regarding the use of the word "of" or "in" in the "Act to incorporate the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A."

I can only guess that Chapter 276 of the Laws of 1916 was passed to correct the misnomer used in Chapter 195. The word "in" in the last Chapter, page 2, line 4 is correct. The word "of" was incorrect.

Sincerely,

L/D

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5 May 1916

Secretary
Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian
Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth ave., New York City

Dear Madam:

In connection with the editing of the official edition of the Session Laws of 1916, I wish to ask for information as to chapters 195 and 276 of the laws of 1916 both of which amend section 3 of "An act to incorporate the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America", in relation to the control of such woman's board by the joint assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

These acts seem to be identical except that in chapter 276, page 2, line 4, the work "in" is used instead of the word "of" which is used in chapter 195, page 2, line 6. The word "in" as used in chapter 276 is the word used in the original act of incorporation. Can you inform me whether chapter 276 was passed to correct the misnomer used in chapter 195? I inclose copies of the two laws with the words I have referred to underscored.

I have written to Senator Brown who is the author of chapter 276 and he is unable to inform me as to why the amendment was reenacted.

Very truly yours

John T. Fitzpatrick

JTF/K

May 26 1916

Mr George B Massey,

Germantown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Mr Massey

I had hoped to have an opportunity at Atlantic City to speak with you as to the final amendment to the charter of the Woman's Board and to thank your Committee for their patience with us in the effort to put all matters in connection with our charter in proper order.

The days were, however, so full and you had so many important duties that I could not intrude these small affairs upon your attention. It was a great pleasure to be able to report to the Executive Commission that matters were now in proper order.

Believe that I am

Very sincerely yours,

KMB-SMB